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1. HEREWTHI FULL TEXT CARL T. ROWAN COLUMN, OP-ED PAGE, WASHINGTON STAR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, HEADED "SHUTTING UP MOYNIHAN WOULD HELP IN ANGOLA."

2. THERE IS AN OLD AFRICAN PROVERB THAT "WHEN TWO ELEPHANTS FIGHT, THE GRASS GETS BRUISED."

3. WELL, ANGOLA IS GOING TO WIND UP WITH A LOT OF BRUISES, BECAUSE THE PACHYDERMS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS HAVE MADE THIS FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY THE LATEST OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL BATTLEFIELDS.

4. THE SOVIET UNION IS PUMPING IN LOTS OF SOPHISTICATED ARMS ALONG WITH SOME 4,000 CUBAN MERCENARIES TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA) BECOMES THE RULING FORCE IN THIS NEW NATION.

5. THE UNITED STATES IS GIVING MONEY AND ARMS TO HOLDEN
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ROBERTO'S NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA

(FNLA), EVEN THOUGH ROBERTO SEEMS TO HAVE MORE SUPPORT IN NEIGHBORING ZAIRE THAN HE DOES IN ANGOLA.

6. THE U.S. SEEMS TO BE HEDGING ITS BETS BY ALSO SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA), WITH THE CHINESE IRONICALLY WORKING THE SAME SIDE OF THE FENCE, TRYING TO PREVENT THE SOVIET UNION FROM USING THE POPULAR MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH A FIRM BEACHHEAD IN BLACK AFRICA.

7. FEAR OF A COMMUNIST ANGOLA HAS PROVOKED SOUTH AFRICA TO AID UNITA, WITH SOME REPORTS CLAIMING THAT AT LEAST 1,000 SOUTH AFRICANS ARE INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING. SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT AUTOMATICALLY MAKES THE MPLA MORE PALATABLE TO AFRICANS.

8. AND NOW, AS THOUGH POOR ANGOLA WERE NOT BEING RAVAGED ENOUGH, THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE) AND ITS CHAIRMAN, ROY INNIS, HAVE HUSTLED UP FUNDS FROM SOMEPLACE AND IS RECRUITING BLACK U.S. VIETNAM VETERANS TO FIGHT IN ANGOLA.

9. THERE ARE TWO SPECIAL ELEMENTS OF TRAGEDY HERE.

10. THE FIRST IS THAT PERSONAL GREED AND LUST FOR POWER CAN SO DIVIDE ANGOLAN LEADERS THAT THEY BECOME PAWNS IN THE POWER STRUGGLES OF THE BIG POWERS, NEITHER OF WHICH MEANS AFRICANS ANY GOOD. AND GREED AND STUPIDITY ARE THE CONTROLLING FACTORS, BECAUSE TIME SURELY WILL SHOW THAT THERE ISN'T A LOT OF IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROBERTO, JONAS SAVIMBI OF UNITA AND AGOSTINHO NETO OF MPLA.

11. THE SECOND PITIFUL REALITY IS THAT U.S. ACTIONS REGARDING AFRICA IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEEN SO BEREFT OF RESPECT, SENSITIVITY OR MORALITY THAT THE U.S. IS WITHOUT REAL OR LASTING INFLUENCE IN THIS SITUATION.

12. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS, BY HIS OWN ADMISSION, GONE FOR YEARS WITHOUT AN AFRICAN POLICY. SO, WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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REGARD TO ANGOLA, KISSINGER IS REDUCED TO FUTILE PLEADINGS THAT IF THE RUSSIANS TRULY BELIEVE IN DETENTE THEY WILL HALT THEIR INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

13. AND KISSINGER IS BEING UPSTAGED BY U.N. AMBASSADOR PATRICK MOYNIHAN'S RANTINGS ABOUT HOW THE SOVIET UNION IS COLONIZING AFRICA AND MOYNIHAN'S CHALLENGE TO THE U.N. TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

14. MOYNIHAN KNOWS, OF COURSE, THAT A U.N. THAT WAS TOO WEAK TO CONTROL SOVIET ACTIONS IN HUNGARY OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR U.S. ACTIONS IN VIETNAM OR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,

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REMAINS TOO WEAK TO DICTATE TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT WHAT THEY MAY DO IN ANGOLA.

15. IF OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP THE SOVIET UNION OUT OF ANGOLA AND THE HEART OF AFRICA, FEW THINGS COULD BE MORE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE THAN THESE SPEECHES BY MOYNIHAN. HIS ANTI-THIRD WORLD DIATRIBES HAVE GONE OVER WELL IN PODUNK AND THE COUNTRY CLUBS OF FATCAT, AMERICA, BUT MOYNIHAN IS HELD IN CONTEMPT BY THOSE AFRICANS WHO ULTIMATELY WILL DECIDE WHETHER ANGOLA AND THE REST OF THAT CONTINENT TURN TO COMMUNISM, SOCIALISM OR SOMETHING ELSE.

16. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON REPORT THAT THE U.S. ALREADY HAS SPENT MORE THAN \$50 MILLION IN COVERT OPERATIONS TO BLOCK THE SOVIET-BACKED POPULAR MOVEMENT IN ANGOLA. IF WE COULD KEEP MOYNIHAN QUIET, THAT WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT OF SENDING IN AT LEAST ANOTHER \$50 MILLION. (END TEXT) INGERSOLL

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